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## ALLEGRA®

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## DESCRIPTION

Fexofenadine hydrochloride, the active ingredient of ALLEGRA, is a histamine H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonist with the chemical name (±), -dimethyl benzeneacetic acid hydrochloride. It has the following chemical structure. The molecular weight is 538.13 and the empirical formula is C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>39</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>. Fexofenadine hydrochloride is a white to off-white crystalline powder. It is freely soluble in methanol and ethanol, slightly soluble in chloroform and water, and insoluble in hexane. Fexofenadine hydrochloride is a racemate and exists as a zwitterion in aqueous media at physiological pH. ALLEGRA is formulated as a capsule or tablet for oral administration. Each capsule contains 60 mg fexofenadine hydrochloride and the following excipients: croscarmellose sodium, gelatin, lactose, microcrystalline cellulose, and pregelatinized starch. The printed capsule shell is made from gelatin, iron oxide, silicon dioxide, sodium lauryl sulfate, titanium dioxide, and other ingredients. Each tablet contains 30, 60, or 180 mg fexofenadine hydrochloride (depending on the dosage strength) and the following excipients: croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, and pregelatinized starch. The aqueous tablet film coating is made from hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, iron oxide blends, polyethylene glycol, povidone, silicone dioxide, and titanium dioxide.

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- Symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, itchy, watery eyes, and itchy palate or throat caused by seasonal (ragweed, trees, grass) or year round (dust, pets, moulds) allergies.
- Itching due to allergic skin reactions, such as hives.

**Allegra 24 Hour (fexofenadine hydrochloride) 120 mg Lactose-free Tablets:**

- For fast relief of symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, itchy, watery eyes, and itchy palate or throat caused by seasonal (ragweed, trees, grass) allergies.

**Directions:** 60 mg Regular Tablets/60 mg Lactose-free Tablets: Adults and Children, 12 and over: 1 tablet (60 mg) every 12 hours. Do not administer to children under 12 years of age. Do not exceed recommended dosage. Avoid prolonged use unless advised by a doctor.

120 mg Lactose-free Tablets: Adults and Children, 12 and over: 1 tablet (120 mg) once daily. Do not administer to children under 12 years of age. Do not exceed the recommended dosage. Avoid prolonged use unless advised by a doctor.

**Caution:** Before using this product, consult your doctor if you have kidney disease, as your dosage may need to be reduced. This product should not be used if you are pregnant or nursing, unless under the advice of a doctor. Do not take Allegra within 2 hours of taking an antacid that contains aluminum hydroxide or magnesium hydroxide, as these antacids may alter the effectiveness of Allegra. Keep this and all medications safely out of reach of children.

Store between 15 and 30°C in a dry place.

Product Monograph available to doctors and pharmacists upon request.

**Nonmedicinal ingredients:** 60 mg Regular Tablets: croscarmellose sodium, gelatin, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, iron oxide, lactose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, povidone, silicon dioxide, starch and titanium dioxide.

60 mg Lactose-free Tablets: croscarmellose sodium, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, iron oxide, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, povidone, silicon dioxide, starch and titanium dioxide.

120 mg Lactose-free Tablets: croscarmellose sodium, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, iron oxide, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, povidone, silicon dioxide, starch and titanium dioxide.

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